

Subject: Charles L. Lawhon's  
coin collection

Lawhon, Charles L., Mrs.  
[Knoxville, TN]

1927

See: Lawhon, Charles L.

Recipient: Noe, Sydney P.

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The American Numismatic Society  
Dear Sirs.

While looking  
through Mr Chas L. Lawhons  
papers, I find he was elected  
an Associate Member of the  
Society. Mr Lawhon passed  
away Sept 4<sup>th</sup> 1926.

He had his collection  
of Greek coins, a complete col-  
lection, which he worked on  
for fifteen years. They are  
now in the Belzado Museum  
N.O. They were just loaned.

Now we have inherited  
the coins, and want to sell  
them. Can you help me  
to sell them thru the Society?  
Thank you for whatever information  
you can give us.

Sincerely, Mrs Chas L. Lawhon.

May 23, 1927

Mrs. Charles L. Lawhon,  
Knoxville, Tenn.

Dear Mrs. Lawhon:

Your letter of May 18th is at hand and I am sorry to learn of Mr. Lawhon's death. I am interested in what you write regarding his collection of Greek Coins, and I wonder if you have a descriptive list of them which would give us some idea of the size and scope of the collection. It is possible that we can help you sell it, but because the condition of Greek coins plays so large a part in any valuation of them, it would probably be necessary for you to send them to New York. If the collection is one that has been brought together by an experienced collector, as seems reasonably to be the case, I feel sure that we could help you market it to better advantage than almost anyone else and relieve you of any distrust of an agent who might prove unsatisfactory.

Awaiting your further word, I am

Very truly yours,

Secretary

SPN:MB

May 27<sup>th</sup> 1927  
Knoxville Tenn

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Mr Sydney P. Noe

Dear Sir, Received  
your kind answer to my letter, &  
in regard to data about the  
coins, am sending under separate cover.  
What I've have at hand, & my son  
in B'ham also has the classified list  
of coins, and could send that  
list to you later. Have written today  
to him, & could send it on soon.  
Thank you very much for  
your interest

Sincerely,

Mrs Chas L. Lawhorne

1910 - Prospect Place, Morningside.

May 31, 1297

Mrs. Chas. L. Lawhon,  
1910 Prospect Place,  
Morningside,  
Knoxville, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of the 27th at hand, as well as the newspaper account of which it speaks. This, like most newspaper accounts, is very inadequate and I should be very glad to have the classified list when you receive it. With that in hand and with the illustrations in the newspaper article, we can tell whether it would be advisable for you to send on the collection.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

SPN:MB

Knoxville Tenn

June 20<sup>th</sup>, 1927

Mr. Sydney Noe,

Dear Sir:

Your letter of May 31<sup>st</sup> received  
and have been delayed in  
sending the classified list,  
as my daughter had the list  
in B'ham Ala. I dont under-  
stand about these coins, & can't  
say if this list is complete.

If there are three coins  
listed on each card well that  
might make the list, but I  
don't know about it. There  
are 340 coins in the collect-  
ion in the Museum. Of course  
you will let me know of  
the collection of coins would  
be needed, & has we have  
friends in N. O. that would  
fix them up & send them  
Thank you for your interest  
Sincerely, Mr. Chas Lowman.

June 29, 1927

Mrs. Charles Lawhon,  
1910 Prospect Place,  
Morningside, Knoxville, Tenn.

Dear Mrs. Lawhon:

Yours letter of the 20th and the cards have both been received. I note that you state you are not certain that the list is complete and that there are 340 coins. You are correct in thinking it incomplete. From the list, however, the collection seems to be sufficiently promising to warrant our suggestion that you send it to New York. With ancient coins everything depends on the condition of the pieces and no dealer would make you an offer without seeing the coins. We cannot promise to make you an offer for the collection without seeing it, but from the cards and from the newspaper article, it seems very probable that we shall be able to do so and what is more to the point, you may have confidence in being fairly treated at our hands, which would not necessarily be the case with some of the dealers to whom you might send them.

I note that you say you have friends in New Orleans, who say that they can pack and send them. The best way of doing this would be to lay them in newspapers in short rows edge to edge and fold them tightly and then to place another row and fold again. Do not have them packed so that they will rub one against the other. They should be sent insured or protected against loss in some fashion. I shall expect a brief word from you as to when we may expect the coins.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

SPN:MB

Knoxville Tenn  
July 12<sup>th</sup> 1927

Mr Sydney Noe

Dear Sir

Received ym letter, of the 25<sup>th</sup>, and as my son will be making a trip, to N.Q on the 16<sup>th</sup> of Aug. he can see that the coins are packed & shipped in order to ym, and after that date ym can expect them. Thank ym

Sincerely,

Mrs Chas. Lawton.

October 19, 1927

Mrs. Charles Lawhon,  
Knoxville, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

Referring to your letter of July 12th in which you state that the collection of coins you propose sending to us would be sent by your son after the 16th of August, I write to say that this is the last word we have had in regard to the matter. I am doing this merely to provide against the package having gone astray, in case it has been sent.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

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Oct 24. 1927

Knoxville  
Tenn

Mr. Noe,

Received your letter  
on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and so sorry  
about you not receiving  
word about the corns.

My son did go to  
N.O. on the 16<sup>th</sup> of Aug.  
But relatives & friends  
persuaded us to leave  
the corns there a while  
longer and I expected  
my son to write to you  
folks and guess he  
neglected to do it. So  
sorry and later we may  
send them corns to you.  
Thank you for sincerely - Mrs. C. Latham

10th November, 1927

Mrs. C. Lawhon,  
Knoxville, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of October 24th. Please bear in mind that if you send these coins later we should appreciate a word from you that they are coming, so that if their delivery is delayed for any reason that fact will not be withheld from you and render the tracing them difficult or impossible.

Very truly yours,

Secretary